

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Water Quality
Water Quality Certification Program

**Public Notice of Application for
Water Quality Certification**

Pursuant to federal law (Title 33, United States Code, Section 1341; Clean Water Act Section 401), applicants for a federal license or permit for activities which may discharge to waters of the United States must seek Water Quality Certification from the state or Indian tribe with jurisdiction. Such Certification is based on a finding that the discharge will meet water quality standards and other applicable requirements. In California, Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards) issue or deny Certification for discharges within their geographical jurisdiction. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has this responsibility for projects affecting waters within multiple Regional Water Board jurisdictions.

The following information is provided in satisfaction of the public notice requirements of Section 3858, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, which govern the State's Certification Program.

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Project Name: Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project Segment 11C

Date of Application: April 19, 2013

**Public Notice of Application for Issuance of
Water Quality Certification for the Southern California Edison Tehachapi Renewable
Transmission Project
Segment 11C**

Affected Counties: Los Angeles

On April 22, 2013, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) received an application from SCE for issuance of a Water Quality Certification for the Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project (TRTP) Segment 11C. The application was deemed complete on May 21, 2013

The Project involves the removal and installation of transmission structures and conductors along approximately 19 miles of the 173-mile TRTP alignment located on National Forest Service lands in the Angeles National Forest (ANF), within unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. The northern terminus of the alignment for Segment 11C is located at the Vincent Substation, southwest of the intersection of the Angeles Forest Highway and Soledad Pass Road and south of State Route (SR) 14. The southern terminus of Segment 11C is located at the Gould Substation in La Cañada Flintridge, southeast of Angeles Crest Highway.

Activities associated with this project that will result in fill of waters of the U.S. and waters of the State include culvert installation, replacement, and removal, concrete wet crossings, road widening, gabion wall and mattress installation, retaining/hilfiker and crib walls, debris wall installation, McCarthy drain installation and replacement, temporary wall setup sites, structure work areas, helicopter assembly yards, helicopter support yards, vegetation removal, guard poles, and temporary water diversion.

Impacts related to construction and operation of the Segment 11C project alignment include 0.14 acre and 3,611 linear feet of permanent impacts and 1.18 acre and 12,511 linear feet of temporary impacts to waters of the U.S and waters of the state.

Water Board staff are proposing to regulate this project pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1341) and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. In addition, staff will consider all comments submitted in writing and received at this office by mail during a 21-day comment period that begins on the first date of issuance of this letter and ends at 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Solecki at (916) 341-5483 or rsolecki@waterboards.ca.gov

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Note: No regulatory decision on the application is implied or intended in this public notice.